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Viewing cable 08MOSCOW2759,

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
08MOSCOW2759	2008-09-12 13:50	2011-08-30 01:44	SECRET	Embassy Moscow

Appears in these articles:

<http://rusrep.ru/article/2010/12/01/sechin>

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RUEHXL/MOSCOW POLITICAL COLLECTIVE PRIORITY
RUEHNSC/NSC WASHDC PRIORITY
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Summary: As Deputy Head of Putin's Presidential Administration, Igor Sechin cloaked himself in secrecy, leaving some Kremlin watchers, especial
A Dark Force... -----

12. (C) A close aide to then-President and now Premier Putin, Igor Sechin is at the top of Russia's power structure -- a position many believe
13. (S) Many see Sechin as a leader of a cadre of high-level GOR officials engaged in massive graft. Rumors of Sechin's ill-gotten wealth abound
14. (C) Yet given that Sechin's power derives from his relationship with Putin, many see Sechin only as Putin's agent. Masha Lipman, editor of
15. (C) Against this widespread image, there are some who see Sechin as a more complex character, whose interests lead him to take a more "liberal"
16. (C) Renaissance Capital Deputy Chairman Bob Foresman (Amciti, strictly protect) who has worked with Sechin over many years described him as
17. (C) Dmitriy Butrin, the economics editor for the Kommersant newspaper, has argued that Sechin has taken an unexpectedly "liberal" approach
Another Mystery: Has Sechin been Demoted? -----

18. (C) As Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration in charge of the security services, there was little doubt about Igor Sechin's power.
19. (C) Milov is also one of many analysts who saw Sechin's transfer to Deputy Premier as a demotion, indicating the weakened role of the silov
10. (C) Many of our other contacts disagree, suggesting Sechin, if anything, is even more powerful now because he maintains his behind-the-scenes
Comment -----

11. (C) The competing views of Sechin and his place in the Russian government elite may be clarified as a result of his new responsibilities.
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